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Proud History, Bright Future

The Laboratory began in 1943 for a single purpose: to design and build an atomic bomb. Since then, civilians and military personnel have continually collaborated to maintain the safety, security, and reliability of the nation's nuclear deterrent.

Today, our mission is to solve national security challenges through simultaneous excellence.



In 2021, students represented two academies and twelve ROTC programs.

The Place for You

The SARRA program brings service academy and ROTC students to the Lab to work alongside the world's best scientists and engineers to help solve national security challenges. Los Alamos stands ready to provide our nation with innovative, unprecedented solutions to emerging challenges.

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Service Academies & ROTC Research Associates



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SARRA intern from West Point (left) and a Lab researcher work on ways to measure lipids harvested from algal cells.



Real Experience

Unlike many internships, SARRA offers hands-on, applicable experience. Students work with Lab mentors on projects that have real national security implications. The program exposes future military officers like you to innovative-edge scientific, engineering, and computational tools—and to the people who enable the Laboratory to address difficult global issues.

Students who participate in SARRA leave with a thorough understanding of the science, engineering, and technology available to help them deal with problems they'll face as military officers. They also have future reach-back capability, if and when they need assistance resolving issues encountered while on active duty.

This is a unique internship opportunity.



Southwest Living

Northern New Mexico is unlike anywhere else, and we encourage SARRA students to explore the unique region in their downtime.

Interns can climb nearby Wheeler Peak, raft the Rio Grande, mountain bike in an ancient supervolcano, and soak in local hot springs.

Interns also can explore New Mexico's rich history and culture by visiting nearby archeological sites, museums, and galleries, as well as enjoying local cuisine.

SARRA funding from the Defense Threat Reduction Agency covers travel and lodging, as well as a per diem to offset expenses during the internship—allowing you to focus fully on your Los Alamos experience.



Midshipman Patrick McElligott calibrates a radiographic camera while two young staff scientists analyze the corresponding data set at the Los Alamos National Laboratory's Advanced Nuclear Technology Group.



Begin Your Adventure

Although the application is simple, intern selection is competitive. To increase your likelihood of acceptance, ensure you have the following before getting started:

- Minimum GPA of 3.2
- Approval from a school representative
- Eligibility to earn clearance
- Ability to dedicate the summer to in-person, virtual, or hybrid learning

Additional notes to keep in mind:

Most SARRA students plan to major in STEM fields, but liberal arts majors also find meaningful work at the Laboratory.

Two general types of access authorizations, or clearances, exist: L (secret) and Q (top secret). Interns must have the potential to receive Q clearance. To do so, they must be a U.S. citizen at least 18 years of age and meet requirements to access classified matter.

Students begin arriving in early May and cycle in and out until the first week of August. Most service academy students stay for four weeks; ROTC students may stay up to eight weeks.

Ready to be part of cutting-edge research and development that furthers global safety and security?

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